



**Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting
Conference Call
Meeting Minutes**

**State Fire Marshal's Office
221 S. Central Aveune
Pierre, SD**

**October 29, 2020
9:30 AM**

Introductions:

Board members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

Call to Order & Roll Call:

Chairman Doug Hinkle called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present on Call:

Mike Roemmich, Mike Harstad, Brian Bowker, Rick Gustad.

Department of Public Safety Staff Present:

Doug Hinkle, Paul Merriman and Glenda Marks.

Approval of February 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Mike Roemmich, second by Brian Bowker to approve minutes from the February 21, 2020 Fire Marshal's Advisory Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Marshal's Office Updates:

Paul Merriman updated the group on the status of the office in regard to remote work options in regard to COVID-19. Doug Hinkle explained that training activities and events including several fall district fire schools were cancelled or adjusted due to the continued rise in COVID cases.

Doug Hinkle briefed the group on the updates being made to the Certified Firefighter Unit I & II tests. These should be complete and ready to move forward with January 1.

Paul Merriman and Doug Hinkle went through the upcoming events calendar.

Events discussed were:

SD Fire Chiefs Association Conference, December 4-6.

SD Fire Instructors Course, December 12-13.

SD Joint Council of Fire Service Organizations Meeting, January 8.

SD Fire Instructors Annual Meeting, January 9-10.

Legislative Session begins January 12.

SD Fire Instructors Course, January 16-17.

The group also discussed CARES Act funding and the extension of the deadline.

Doug Hinkle discussed upcoming legislative session. Another conference call will be scheduled after the SD Joint Council meets to discuss any proposed legislation that may have impact upon the fire service in SD.

Member Updates:

Rick Gustad informed the group that their Fire Department in Platte was operating normally adhering to CDC guidelines.

Mike Roemmich also discussed the impact of COVID-19 and staffing issues within the Aberdeen Fire Department.

Mike Harstad told the group that NFPA 1901 would be going through an update in the near future. Mike serves on the NFPA 1901 - Technical Committee on Fire Department Apparatus.

Brian Bowker mentioned that he is working on looking at some fire loss statistics and would be sharing those with the group down the road at a later meeting.

Mike Roemmich commented that Kyle Moser has been a huge benefit and doing a great job as Deputy Fire Marshal in that area.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting of the Fire Marshal's Advisory Board will be scheduled in February. The date, time, and location of the meeting will be announced.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Harstad and 2nd by Mike Roemmich.
Motion carried unanimously.